

Mono County Local Transportation Commission

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Monday, January 14th, 2008, 9:00 a.m.
Town/County Conference Room
Mammoth Lakes, CA

AGENDA

*Agenda items may not be taken in order

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – December 10, 2007

3) TRANSIT

a) Update on transit activities in Mono County

Recommended Action: Update on information related to transit activities in Mono County.

4) ADMINISTRATION

a) Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

b) Overall Work Program: Budget Amendment

Recommended Action: Review and approve a budget amendment to the 2007/08 OWP.

c) Blueprint Planning – Letter of Recommendation

Recommended Action: Authorize the Chair's signature on a Letter of Support for the Eastern Central California Blueprint Project.

5) CALTRANS

a) Blueprint Planning Workshop

Recommended Action: Informational only – presentation on Regional Blueprint Planning in California.

b) High Point Workshop

Recommended Action: Action item requiring input on the direction of the project from the Commission. This is the next level of discussion on what level of work should continue.

c) **State Transportation Corridor Traffic Volume Overview**

Recommended Action: Receive information on US 395 historic and recent traffic volumes and trends reflected by available data.

d) **Update on activities in Mono County**

Recommended Action: Update on information from National, State, and Local resources that relate to activities in Mono County.

6) STATE / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM & PLAN

a) **2008 STIP/RTIP Draft**

Recommended Action: Review and provide any desired direction to staff on the draft 2008 RTIP. Adoption is scheduled for the February 11, 2008, LTC meeting.

b) **Regional Transportation Plan Administrative update**

Recommended Action: Review with staff the administrative changes required to update the RTP. Adoption is scheduled for the February 11, 2008, LTC meeting.

c) **Quarterly Update on projects in Mono County**

Recommended Action: Receive quarterly update from Mono County regarding current status of LTC projects.

7) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a) **Crowley Lake Area Information Services Radio**

b) **California Transportation Plan update (information available at meeting)**

c) **Metropolitan Planning Organizations Regional Transportation Planning Agencies Federal Fiscal Year 2006/2007 OA Delivery**

d) **YARTS Agenda (information available at meeting)**

8) SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – February 11, 2008

9) ADJOURN

Start times are only tentative. Although the Local Transportation Commission strives to follow the agenda as scheduled, it reserves the right to take any agenda item, in any order, and at any time after its meeting starts. The only way to ensure that you are present for a particular agenda item is to attend the meeting from the time it starts until that agenda item is actually addressed.

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**Monday, December 10, 2007, 9:00 a.m.
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ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present

Hap Hazard, Chair
Kirk Stapp, Vice Chair
Tom Farnetti, Supervisor
Rob Clark, TOML Alternate
Bill Reid, Supervisor
Wendy Sugimura, Councilman

Staff Present

Scott Burns, Director
Ray Jarvis, Co-Director
Gerry LeFrancois, Planner, Mono County
Peter Bernasconi, TOML
Jennifer Hansen, Secretary

Caltrans

Brad Mettam
Jeremy Milos
Cedrik Zemitis
Tom Meyers

Other

Monicka Watterson, ESTA
Phil McGuire, Interim Executive Director, ESTA

Agenda items may not have been taken in order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hazard at 9:03 and Alternate Commission Clark led the pledge of allegiance.

1) PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 10 and OCTOBER 15

- a) Commissioner Stapp motioned to approve the September 10th minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Reid. Abstained by Commission Sugimura. Passed 5-1. Those in favor: Hazard, Stapp, Clark, Farnetti, and Reid.
- b) Commissioner Sugimura motioned to approve the October 15th minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Stapp. Abstained by Commissioner Alternate Clark and Commissioner Reid. Passed 4-2. Those in favor: Hazard, Stapp, Sugimura, Farnetti.

3) TRANSIT

a) **Section 5311 Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Grant Program**

Action: Approved \$54,604 for Regional Program of Projects (POP) for Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) operating assistance.

Ms. Watterson reported that this is the yearly 5311 apportionment per county money to be programmed through the LTC. The money goes to ESTA and then is filtered for operations. There is a grant application to receive the funds which will be brought to a future LTC meeting. The money comes in the year after it is awarded and the amounts do fluctuate. The funds are pretty solid and continuing to increase even though funds like the LTF and STA are decreasing. Commissioner Stapp motioned to approve \$54,604 for Regional Program of Projects (POP) for ESTA's operating assistance. Seconded by Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 6-0. Those in favor: Hazard, Stapp, Clark, Farnetti, Reid and Sugimura.

b) **FTA Section 5311 (f) Capital Grant for FY 2006-07**

Action: Authorized signature on Certifications and Assurances.

This is a request to authorize the LTC Executive Director's signature on the Certifications and Assurances for FTA Section 5311 (f) Capital Grant for the purchase of one Bluebird Xvel-102 bus for the use on the CREST route in the amount of \$23,129.50. The LTC has previously approved the Certifications and Assurances for this grant in the amount of \$11,050. An additional \$12,079.50 in match monies is required to meet the funding requirements. ESTA will use their reserve money for the \$12,079.50 in match monies. The Certifications and Assurances states that the LTC will pay the \$11,050 which has already been allocated. The total cost for the bus is \$225,852 with most of the funds coming from the Federal government. The bus will be the same bus that Mammoth Mountain uses which runs on bio-diesel fuel. The transition from Inyo Mono Transit to the Eastern Sierra Transit Authority created the need for ESTA to resubmit the grant application with the new name for administrative purposes. The new Certifications and Assurances reflect ESTA as the applicant and the additional funds needed. Commissioner Farnetti motioned to approve the LTC Executive Director's signature on the Certifications and Assurances. Seconded by Commissioner Stapp. Passed 6-0. Those in favor: Hazard, Stapp, Clark, Farnetti, Reid and Sugimura.

c) **FTA Section 5311 (f) Capital Grant FY 2007-08**

Action: Authorized signature on Certifications and Assurances.

This is a request to authorize the LTC Executive Director's signature on the Certifications and Assurances for FTA Section 5311 (f) grant for the operation of the CREST route in the amount of \$88,426.50. The LTC has previously approved the Certifications and Assurances for this grant. The new Certifications and Assurances reflect Eastern Sierra Transit Authority as the applicant. Commissioner Reid motioned to approve the LTC Executive Director's signature on the Certifications and Assurances. Seconded by Commissioner Farnetti. Passed 6-0. Those in favor: Hazard, Stapp, Clark, Farnetti, Reid and Sugimura.

d) **Proposition 1B – PTMISEA Funds**

Action: Directed staff to coordinate with Inyo County LTC to apply for \$110,170 (Mono) and \$182,025 (Inyo) for ESTA capital projects from the Public Transportation Modernization, Improvement, and Service Account.

Ms. Watterson reported that this is capital money granted through the last election. ESTA is waiting for the guidelines to be put together. Once the guidelines are formed, the money is awarded to the entities receiving STA money which includes Inyo and Mono counties. One entity needs to be the lead agency and Inyo County has agreed to take the lead. Inyo will be filling out the application in conjunction with Mono County. The deadline for the application is December 28th. With this money, ESTA would like to replace six to seven buses. Mr. Mettam requested that we move forward with this action by allowing the LTC Executive Director to sign the application. Commissioner Stapp moved to approve the signature of the LTC Executive Director

on the application for PTMISEA Funds. Seconded by Commissioner Sugimura. Passed 6-0. Those in favor: Hazard, Stapp, Clark, Farnetti, Reid and Sugimura.

e) **ESTA Proposed Fare Increase**

Action: Informational

The ESTA Board of Directors has scheduled a public hearing on December 14th to receive comments on the proposed fare adjustments to the public bus routes and services. The last fare adjustment was in 1998 through Inyo Mono Transit. The highest fare adjustment will be the CREST route due to the distance traveled. The public feedback thus far has been non-existent. Around seven comments have been received. The new fares are anticipated to take effect on January 1st pending what happens at the public hearing. It was questioned whether the increase will impact the match for fare box? With the increase in fares, it should be easier to meet the fare box requirement of 10%. It was suggested to maintain the match better by increasing the fares more frequently and less extravagantly for the customer's sake as we try to increase ridership. ESTA believes things will transition better with fare increases now that they are their own entity. This is the year relationship building between ESTA and the LTC.

4) ADMINISTRATION

a) **Overall Work Program**

Action: Received status report and provide any desired direction to staff.

The current Overall Work Program (OWP) for FY 2007-08 was adopted in June of 2007. The OPW establishes regional transportation planning priorities for LTC funding and serves as the Commission's annual budget for RPA and PPM funds. At the January LTC meeting, an amendment to the OWP will be presented due to shifting needs and priorities of the Town and County.

b) **California Transportation Commission (CTC)**

Action: Authorized Chair's signature on letter supporting reappointment of Kirk Lindsey to the California Transportation Commission.

Kirk Lindsey has been a big part as to what we do as a Commission. He has been very supportive of rural counties and issues. He is a liaison for the Rural Counties Task Force – Road Rehabilitation Program. The Rural Counties Task Forces also supports the reappointment of Mr. Lindsey. Commissioner Sugimura moved to approve the Chair's signature on the letter supporting the reappointment of Kirk Lindsey to the CTC. Seconded by Commissioner Reid. Passed 6-0. Those in favor: Hazard, Stapp, Clark, Farnetti, Reid and Sugimura.

5) CALTRANS

a) **LTC/ESTA Relationship: State Funding Overview**

Action: Informational.

Mr. Mettam handed out a packet of information showing how the different pots of money are spent and moved around in transportation funding. A graph was presented on the relationship between the LTC and ESTA in regards to these funds. This is a new relationship with the LTC and ESTA so the funds on the graph will start to move around as each entities role are more clearly defined. A presentation will be made on Friday, December 14th detailing the program cycles, transportation funding – STIP, TDA, 5311. This presentation will give an overall picture of how transportation funding works.

b) **Update on activities in Mono County**

Action: Update on information from National, State, and Local resources that related to activities in Mono County.

Mr. Mettam reported that all passes are now closed. He also reported on the Mono Basin Gaz Ex project – on December 7th the concrete was poured for the first exploder. The tank sheds are also complete. The rest of the projects completion is dependent on the weather. If the weather holds out, this project should be finished before Christmas. It was also reported that the overlay

for 203 will begin in the summer of 2008 minus the round-about by North Village. It was brought up that these projects generally take place during the peak tourist time. Caltrans reported that getting the peak paving temperatures usually takes place toward the end of their fiscal year. They are working on spreading out more of their projects as permitted. The round-about will possibly be delayed until 2011. A Caltrans representative will be at the December 19th Town Council meeting to discuss this further. This project might possibly be tacked onto another project. Caltrans was complimented on the post office driveway improvement in Coleville and what a difference it has made.

6) STATE / REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

a) 2008 STIP/RTIP update

Action: Received update from staff and Caltrans regarding the new five year cycle. The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) funds local and regional transportation projects. This is a new five year funding cycle for transportation projects including transit, transportation enhancements and road rehabilitation. At the January meeting, a draft RTIP will be presented with the state, town and county projects. It looks like the funds will be for \$6 million for the five year cycle with the money being available around year three of the cycle. The RTIP will be adopted in February. Mr. Mettam brought to the Commission's attention that the monetary estimates can change throughout the cycle and it is revisited every two years to show where the money is going. Mr. Burns stated that there are some technical adjustments to be made to the Regional Transportation Plan and that is why the draft will be presented at the January meeting.

b) Highpoint Curve Correction Workshop

Action: Received update and provide any desired direction to staff. This is an MOU project. A handout was given out on the location of the curve and also serves as a fact sheet. The purpose of this project is to improve safety. It has been identified as a hot spot. The accident history shows that 2/3 of the accidents happen on dry roads vs. icy roads. Some improvements have already been made such as the blinking speed limit light, chevrons, and rumble strips. Since these improvements have been made, the accident rate has gone down and there have been no fatal accidents. Other alternatives to this project include straightening the roadway by laying back the slopes providing better sight distance; adding wider shoulders for more move ability; constructing a 560 foot bridge at the curve. The preferred alternative would be for no bridge. A bridge doesn't go with the feel of the area, the ice is bad in that area, and technically it would be too hard to put a bridge in that area. The best alternative will be one that has the lowest impact on the community.

This is an expensive project due to the excavation that needs to take place. There is quite a bit of hillside to be taken out and blasted; there will be no easy way to divert the traffic; and there will be road closures for short bursts of time. Caltrans could try for longer road closures during the middle of the day which could reduce the costs of the project. Caltrans is also working with the water board to move the dates to work. Now the dates are May – October. They want to blast the hillside before fishing season starts. They will need a variance from Lahontan.

So far, \$1.3 million has been programmed with a \$2.3 million estimated for design. Some of the funding does come from the STIP but has not been discussed for the Highpoint project.

Mr. Mettam would like some direction and input from the Commission on whether or not to proceed with this project. Should Caltrans scale back the project or continue on the full project? The Commission feels they need more time to assess this project. The Commission would like to get the affected communities opinion as the project will be taking place during the peak tourist travel time and what the economic impact will be. The Commission would like until January to make a decision on the future of this project. Mr. Mettam agreed the communities should be involved and encourages that everyone discusses their concerns and not the details of the project. Caltrans representatives will be happy to attend community meetings to explain the details. Follow-up on this item will be given at the January meeting.

c) **Quarterly update on state projects in Mono County**

Action: Received quarterly update from Caltrans regarding current status of state LTC projects. Tom Meyers reported on the following Caltrans projects: Manzanar Four-Lane; Independence Four-Lane; Blackrock Four-Lane; Conway Ranch Passing Lane; Conway Vista Cut; Rock Creek CAPM; North Conway CAPM; North Conway Shoulder Widening; Lemus Curve; Sonora Wildlife Crossing; North Sherwin Summit Rehabilitation; Bridgeport Passing Lanes. Mr. Meyers provided a handout detailing each project.

Cedrik Zemitis reported on the following Caltrans projects: Mammoth Pavement Preservation; South Sherwin Summit Rehabilitation; Olancho/Cartago Four-Lane; High Point Curve Realignment; Point Ranch Curve; Lee Vining Rockfall; Crestview Maintenance Station; Crestview Rest Area Rehabilitation (ADA). Mr. Zemitis provided a handout detailing each project.

Other reported Caltrans projects: Mono Basin Gaz Ex; SR 158 Shoulders; Mammoth Lakes Roundabout. A handout was provided detailing each project.

d) **Quarterly update on projects in the Town of Mammoth Lakes**

Action: Received quarterly update from Town of Mammoth Lakes regarding current status of LTC projects.

Peter Bernasconi reported on the following projects for the Town of Mammoth Lakes: Canyon et al Rehab; South Main Street Frontage Road/Chateau Road Rehab; Meridian Reconstruction; OMR Rehab; Lake Mary Bike Path; North Main Frontage Road Rehab; Southerly Airport Access; Welcome Center; Lower Canyon Boulevard Rehab; Main Street Signalization; Laurel Mountain Sidewalks (Caltrans Cooperative Agreement). A staff report was provided detailing each project.

e) **Quarterly update on projects in Mono County**

Action: Received quarterly update from Mono County regarding current status of LTC projects. Kelly Garcia was unable to attend the meeting. These were the current Mono County projects to be reported on: Lundy Lake Road; June Lake Streetscape; Owens River Road, Owens Gorge Road, and Bridgeport Streets; Lee Vining Streets. A staff report was provided detailing each project. The update on these projects will be carried over until the January meeting.

7) INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

a) **Letter from Tom Hallenbeck regarding transportation projects available for programming and funding through Mono County's RTIP**

This letter outlines a list of transportation projects that are available for programming.

b) **2007/2008 State Transit Assistance (STA) Funding**

The current fiscal year STA funding is down around \$80,000. This is the transit operations money. This money goes directly to ESTA for their operations. Operations need to be looked into to see if this decrease will have an impact on operations. ESTA will be watching and possibly looking into reserves or possibly cutting services. Everyone is just on the watch for now to see what the trend will be.

8) SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING – JANUARY 14, 2008

9) ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 by Chairman Hazard.

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LTC Staff Report

TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Eastern Sierra Transit Authority / LTC Staff

SUBJECT: Transit Activities in Mono County

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information on related transit activities in Mono County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: N/A

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: N/A

DISCUSSION: This agenda item is reserved for various informational items related to transit activities in Mono County. The item is also an opportunity for Commission members to ask questions of ESTA/related staff.

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TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Gerry Le Francois, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: 2007/08 Overall Work Program (OWP) budget

RECOMMENDATIONS: Discuss and adopt Minute Order 08-01 to the 07/08 OWP budget.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: The OWP is funded through Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) funds and Planning, Programming and Monitoring funds (PPM). Subject to state budget approval, RPA funding this year is \$216,000. The PPM funding for this year is \$400,000 and is subject to an allocation of the California Transportation Commission (CTC).

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: Not/Applicable.

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: The final OWP is consistent with the RTP and RTIP.

DISCUSSION: The Overall Work Program establishes regional transportation planning priorities for the LTC. It is a listing of proposed planning activities to prepare and develop changes to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP), and other transportation planning needs for the Town and the County. It is the Commission's annual application and OWP budget for the State regarding Rural Planning Assistance (RPA) and Planning, Programming and Monitoring (PPM) funds.

This amendment is being processed at the request of the Town of Mammoth Lakes to better reflect current transportation planning priorities.

ATTACHMENTS

MO 08-01
Proposed budget

2007/08 OVERALL WORK PROGRAM FUNDING SUMMARY - Amendment 1 on January 14, 2008

WORK ELEMENT		RURAL PLANNING ASSISTANCE	STIP / PPM	PPM CARRYOVER 06/07 fy	TOTAL
100 Administration	county	\$43,200	\$0	\$0	\$43,200
	town	\$10,800	\$0	\$0	\$10,800
	subtotals	\$54,000	\$0	\$0	\$54,000
200 RTP & Multi Modal Planning	county	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$50,000
	town	\$50,000	\$112,000	\$0	\$0
	town	\$65,300	\$132,000	\$50,000	\$247,300
	subtotals	\$75,300	\$172,000	\$50,000	\$297,300
300 Technological information systems	county	\$12,000	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$102,000
	town	\$0	\$18,000	\$0	\$18,000
	town	\$15,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$18,000
	subtotals	\$27,000	\$43,000	\$50,000	\$120,000
400 Bridgeport, Lee Vining, Mammoth-Yosemite Airport Plans	county	\$3,000	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
	town	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$0	\$38,500
	town	\$0	\$15,000		\$15,000
	subtotals	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$0	\$18,000
500 Interregional Transportation Planning	county	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
	town	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	subtotals	\$0	\$6,000	\$0	\$6,000
600 Livable Communities Context Sensitive Solutions	county	\$20,000	\$27,000	\$0	\$47,000
	town	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	subtotals	\$20,000	\$27,000	\$0	\$47,000
700 Current Planning and Monitoring Activities	county	\$36,000	\$37,000	\$0	\$73,000
	town	\$12,500	\$0	\$0	\$12,500
	town	\$700			\$700
	subtotals	\$36,700	\$37,000	\$0	\$73,700
TOTAL		\$216,000	\$300,000	\$100,000	\$616,000

County (rpa 124,200 & ppm 200,000)	totals	\$124,200	\$200,000
	\$324,200		
Town (rpa 91,800 & ppm 200,000)	totals	\$91,800	\$200,000
	\$291,800		
Grand Total		\$216,000	\$400,000

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MINUTE ORDER 2008-01

Approve the attached amendment to the 2007/08 Overall Work Program budget.

At the Mono County LTC meeting on January 14, 2008, it was moved by Commissioner _____ and seconded by Commissioner _____ to approve the attached budget amendment to the 2007/08 Overall Work Program (OWP).

Attest:

Jennifer Hansen, LTC Secretary

cc:Caltrans

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TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Gerry Le Francois, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: Regional Blueprint Planning Grant proposed by Kern Council of Governments

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Authorize the Chair's signature on a letter of support for the Eastern Central California Blueprint Project.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

In conjunction with Inyo and Mono County LTCs, Kern COG has taken the primary role is submitting a grant in the amount of \$100,000.00. Mono LTC's match will amount \$6,700.00, which would be programmed in a future Overall Work Program.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE:

Not applicable.

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY:

Blueprint planning outcomes will likely support and be incorporated into future RTP updates.

DISCUSSION:

The Regional Blueprint Planning Program is a voluntary, competitive grant program that will initiate or augment existing efforts of rural Regional Transportation Planning Agencies to conduct comprehensive scenario planning that results in consensus by regional leaders, local governments and stakeholders on a preferred growth scenario – or “blueprint” – to achieve the objectives of a long-range planning horizon. The Inyo County LTC and Mono County LTC are proposed partners with Kern COG in submittal of a Blueprint Planning Grant for our region. The Blueprint will foster more efficient land use patterns that: (a) support improved mobility and reduced dependency on single-occupant vehicle trips, (b) accommodate an adequate supply of housing for all incomes, (c) reduce impacts on valuable habitat, productive farmland, and air quality, (d) increase resource use efficiency, (e) promote a prosperous economy, and (f) result in safe and vibrant neighborhoods.

Attached is a draft letter of support.

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Attached is a draft letter of support.

January 14, 2008

California Department of Transportation
Division of Transportation Planning, MS-32
P.O. Box 942874 Sacramento, CA 94274-0001
Attn: Marilee Mortenson

Re: Letter of Support for the Eastern Central California Blueprint Project

Dear Ms. Mortenson,

On behalf of Mono County LTC, we thank the Kern Council of Governments for working and submitting a California Regional Blueprint Planning Program Grant Application for the Eastern Central California Blueprint Project that will benefit Kern, Inyo and Mono counties.

We look forward to continuing the regional partnership that each agency has established by submission of this grant application.

Sincerely,

Duane "Hap" Hazard
Chair, Mono County Local Transportation Commission

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LTC Staff Report

TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Caltrans District 9

SUBJECT: Blueprint Planning Presentation

RECOMMENDATIONS: Informational Only

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: NA

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: NA

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: NA

DISCUSSION: Powerpoint presentation on Regional Blueprint Planning in California. Overview of what Blueprint planning is, examples of existing efforts and trends, and benefits. Information on Caltrans Blueprint Planning Grant Program and other funding sources to do Blueprint Planning.

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LTC Staff Report

TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Caltrans District 9

SUBJECT: Highpoint Project Direction

RECOMMENDATIONS: This is an **action item** requiring input on the direction of the project from the Commission.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: Potential changes to project programming

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: N/A

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: N/A

DISCUSSION: This is the next level of discussion on were to go with the Highpoint project at this stage, considering the completion of PA&ED and current cost estimates. Caltrans is asking the LTC to provide guidance on what level of work should continue with Highpoint for Design, etc.

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LTC Staff Report

TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Caltrans District 9

SUBJECT: State Transportation Corridor Traffic Volume Overview

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: N/A

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: N/A

DISCUSSION: Information to be provided on US 395 historic and recent traffic volumes and trends reflected by available data.

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LTC Staff Report

TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Caltrans District 9

SUBJECT: Caltrans Activities in Mono County

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information. Action items requested by Caltrans will be placed on the agenda separately.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: N/A

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: N/A

DISCUSSION: This agenda item is reserved for various informational items related to Caltrans activities in Mono County. Updated information from National, State, and Local sources that relate to activities in Mono County will be presented to the Commission. The item is also an opportunity for Commission members to ask questions of Caltrans.

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Staff Report

TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Gerry Le Francois, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP)

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive update and provide any desired direction to staff.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: The Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) funds local and regional transportation projects. This is a new five year funding cycle for transportation projects including transit, transportation enhancements and road rehabilitation. State budget and/or funding capacity issues will probably impact funding availability in the early years of this new five year cycle.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: All RTIP projects require environmental compliance as a condition of project planning.

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: The 2008 RTIP will need to be amended into the Regional Transportation Plan.

DISCUSSION: The attached draft is for the Commission's early review and feedback. With the 2008 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) submittal due February 19, 2008, the adoption of the 2008 Mono RTIP will be scheduled for the February 11, 2008, LTC meeting.

ATTACHMENT : Draft 2008 RTIP

Mono County LTC
(\$1,000's)

Agency	Priority	Rte	PPNO	Project	totals \$1000s	total new program- ming	total	prior program- ming	fy08/09	fy09/10	fy10/11	fy 11/12	fy 12/13	pa&ed	ps&e	r/w sup	rw	const sup	const
	1=highest			08 RTIP base min through 11/12 - part 1	6093.0		6093.0												
	10=lowest																		
				08 RTIP total target for 12/13 - part 2	8526.0		8526.0						8526.0						
				sub total RTIP	14619.0														
				08 RTIP TE traget through 12/13	762.0														
				Total 08 RTIP	15381.0														
Part 1																			
Mono	1	local		June Lake Streets rehab	3344.0	3344.0	3344.0	0.0				37.0	302.0	3005.0	37.0	242.0	60.0		3005.0
			2021	BP Streets Rehab - increase const by \$622k	3307.0	622.0	2685.0	2063.0		2621.0					64.0				2621.0
			2012	Owens Gorge Road - increase const by \$172k	2036.0	172.0	1864.0	1692.0		1791.0					18.0		55.0		1791.0
			2020	Owens River Road	2307.0		2307.0	2307.0		2255.0					24.0		28.0		2255.0
			2558	Lee Vining Streets - increase const by \$768k	3825.0	768.0	3057.0	2289.0			2815.0			19.0	186.0		37.0		2815.0
				Chalfant Streets Rehab	1284.0	1284.0	1284.0	0.0			65.0	1219.0		35.0	30.0				1219.0
				Paradise Streets Rehab	380.0	380.0	380.0	0.0				34.0	346.0	20.0	14.0				346.0
				Swall Meadows Streets Rehab	973.5	973.5	973.5	0.0				60.0	913.5	35.0	25.0				913.5
Mammoth Lks		local	2514	north main (hwy 203 frontage rd) rehab	900.0	900.0	951.0	51.0							48.0		3.0		900.0
				tavern road extension	2000.0	2000.0													
State		395/14		Freeman Gulch MOU project 10% of total costs	618.6	618.6	618.6						618.6						618.6
		395		Olancha/Cartago MOU project future reserve of \$1000	1500.0														
LTC		regional		PPM through 11/12 (304.7 available)	1800.0	300.0	1800.0	1500.0	400.0	400.0	400.0	300.0							1800.0
				PPM for 12/13 (426.3 available)	300.0	300.0	300.0	0.0					300.0						300.0
LTC		regional		Buses for Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Transit Project	180.0	180.0	180.0					90.0	90.0						180.0
				Total of new programming through 11/12															
				Under/Over programmed through 11/12															
				Total of new programming in 12/13															
				Under/Over Programmed in 12/13															
				Total (minus TE \$)		13342.1													
				Under/Over in New Programming		1276.9													
TE Programming Changes																			
Mono		local	2524	East Walker River Ped bridge	142.5	13.5	142.5	129.0		7.0	135.5			2.0	5.0				135.5
Mono		local	2525	Eastern Sierra Scenic Byways rest area	156.0	15.0	156.0	141.0		5.0	151.0			1.0	4.0				151.0
Mono		395	2526	Mill Creek ped bridge	160.0	18.0	160.0	142.0		7.0	153.0			2.0	5.0				153.0
				subtotals	458.5	46.5													
New TE projects																			
Mono		395		Lee Vining Ped/Streetscape improvements	0.0	200.0													200.0
Mammoth Lks		local		Bike lanes for Mammoth Scenic Loop	1000.0	1000.0	1000.0			1000.0									1000.0
				Total of TE programming	1000.0	1046.5													
				Totals for New Programming in 08 RTIP (w/TE)		14588.6													
				Under/Over for New Programming in 08 RTIP		792.4													

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LTC Staff Report

TO: MONO COUNTY LOCAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Gerry Le Francois, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: 2007/08 update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive update and provide any desired direction to staff. Schedule a Public Hearing for an Administrative Modification to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) at the February 11, 2007, LTC meeting.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: The RTP is the primary planning document on transportation issues for the Mono County LTC and provides the policy framework for funding regional transportation projects. Projects included in the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) are required to be consistent with the RTP.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: An addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for the existing RTP will be prepared for the 2007/08 update to the RTP.

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: The 2007/08 update of the Regional Transportation Plan will ensure consistency with the existing RTIP and the proposed 2008 RTIP.

DISCUSSION: The 2007/08 update to the RTP includes minor changes to Chapter 2 Action Element regarding demographic information. Chapter 6 Financial Element updates to old financial projections and revenues. Finally, the various programming documents, including the STIP, RTIP and SHOPP tables have been revised and moved to Appendix E. There are no changes to the Regional and Community Policy Elements and/or the Town of Mammoth Lakes Policy Elements proposed.

The RTP and RTIP are required to be consistent, and the above changes are to ensure that planning documents and programming of projects are consistent.

ATTACHMENT: Draft RTP.

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LTC Staff Report

TO: Mono County Local Transportation Commission

DATE: January 14, 2008

FROM: Kelly Garcia, Assistant Director of Public Works.

SUBJECT: Update on Mono County LTC Projects

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive quarterly update from Mono County regarding current status of LTC projects.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: n/a

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE: Environmental compliance is determined during appropriate component of project development on a project by project basis.

RTP / RTIP CONSISTENCY: These projects are programmed in previous STIP cycles. Consistency has been established at time of programming.

DISCUSSION: Status of current projects is as follows:

Lundy Lake Road (PPNO 2009): This is a 2000 STIP project. Construction began September 2007 and, with the exception of the extension of one culvert, drainage improvements have been completed. The project is now in winter suspension. Efforts are underway to obtain additional monies to fund the installation of shoulders to accommodate pedestrians along the lower 1.3 miles of the project as originally designed.

June Lake Streetscape (TEA): Project is currently being closed-out.

Lee Vining Landscape (TEA): An encroachment permit is ready for issuance by Caltrans, pending execution of a maintenance agreement between Mono County and Caltrans. Once funding is allocated, the project will be finalized and put out to bid. It is anticipated that a STIP amendment will be processed to fund the project.

Owens River Road (PPNO 2020), Owens Gorge Road (PPNO 2012), and Bridgeport Streets (PPNO 2021): These are 2002 STIP projects that were reprogrammed in the 2004 and 2006 STIP. These projects require State-Only funds. These projects have been allocated funds for environmental work.

Lee Vining Streets: This project was funded in the 2006 STIP Augmentation. It involves rehabilitation of County roadways in the community of Lee Vining. Environmental work will be initiated later this year.